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## CITY FREIGHT STRIKE

### AFL AT WAR ON SLAVE-LABOR BILLS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor has declared war—war to the finish—against the vicious slave-labor legislation pending in Congress and drafted the membership and resources of the Federation in the all-out fight to preserve free trade unionism in America.

As the first step, the Executive Council this week unanimously approved the raising of \$1,500,000 war chest by voluntary assessment on every AFL affiliate for carrying on a concerted nation-wide educational and publicity campaign.

Immediately, a special committee of Council members began drafting a series of full-page newspaper advertisements which will be published in every part of the country during the next six weeks to tell the American people the truth about the "hate-labor" bills now being jammed through Congress.

Simultaneously, time was being engaged on all radio networks and hundreds of local radio stations to broadcast a series of aggressive attacks on the legislation. Stars of radio, theater and screen, all members of AFL entertainment unions, volunteered their services to aid in the radio campaign.

The Council voted to open its Fall meeting in Chicago in September.

Other outstanding developments

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### PRODUCE HOUSES SIGNED BY BAUER

Twenty-six produce companies in Indianapolis have agreed to grant substantial wage increases and improved working conditions to 200 or more Teamsters of Local 233, after negotiating with Leo Bauer and his union committee since early in March.

Pay raises are retroactive to April 1. New working conditions include two weeks' vacation after three years' service.

President Bauer was assisted in negotiations by Fred Bly, John Eckels, Ed Grinston, Ray Tackett and Donald McKinney, members of Local 233.

The commission merchants were represented by J. L. Keach, of the company bearing his name; Nathan Black, of Black and Co.; Paul Bova, of the Bova Fruit Co.; John LaRosa, of LaRosa and Ray; John Caito, of Caito and Mascari, and representatives of Geo. Hitz & Co. and of Wm. Schaub & Co.



**LAKE COUNTY BOWLERS**—This team of Hammond Teamsters, with other bowlers from the Lake County Building Trades, played a match game Saturday night, April 19, with the Marion County Building Trades bowlers in Sturm's Recreation Center, Indianapolis. The Capital players won by 54 pins, 2,375 to 2,321. But that was all right, for the Upstaters had taken the honors at a previous match in their own alley. Roscoe Colby of Teamsters Local 362 is shown, center; Harry D. Cole and Ralph Vonasch, left, and Novalick and Berkowicz, right. A ham donated by Clyde McCormick, of the Indianapolis CLU, was won by Joy Buytaert, Indianapolis Tanners, for making a three-game total of 594.

### LOCAL 716 SIGNS BUILDING ASSN. FOR 25c RAISE

Better pay is assured 200 members of Teamsters Local 716 who are employed by members of the Building Contractors' Association of Indianapolis by an agreement just signed for the union by Edward T. Carlson, business representative.

The new agreement is for one year, effective May 1. It provides for 25 cents per hour increase for drivers and 32½ cents per hour for mechanics.

The association numbers 41 members. A number of independent employers in Marion county are committed by agreements with the union to pay the association scale. Among these are the R. H. Marlin Trucking Co., E. H. Moor and Co., Linsbury, Brick & Tile Co., Fred Hawk Trucking Co., and Frank Nord Trucking Co.

Mr. Carlson was assisted in negotiations by Alton Blunk, driver for the Kenneth Smock Trucking Co., and Harry Hudson, Business Representative of Local 716.

### Teamsters Join Connersville CLU

CONNERSVILLE—Carl J. Smith of Teamsters Local 691 has been elected treasurer of the Central Labor Union just organized by nine AFL unions in this city.

A principal speaker at the organization meeting, April 10, was James K. Katz of Richmond, president of the Teamsters Local.

### Californ-i-a, Here We Come! Teamsters All

All Teamsters of Indiana who expect to go by rail to the International Convention in San Francisco, starting August 11, are urged by Steven Toth, president of the Indiana State Drivers Council to make reservations immediately.

The month of August is a heavy travel period on the railroads, he points out in a letter just sent to business representatives of all the locals. Pullman cars are limited and late applicants for space may be turned down.

Practically all Teamsters locals in this state have voted to send delegates to the convention, according to reports at the last meeting of the Drivers Council.

Some of the delegates will drive through, others will go by air, many will go by train. Most of the delegates expect to take their families, and combine business with a considerable amount of sight seeing.

Mr. Toth wrote to the business representatives following a conference in Chicago with the Convention Transportation Committee, comprising Ray

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### New Ice Contracts

Local 716 has just signed new yearly agreements with the Polar Ice Co. and Broad Ripple Ice Co. giving substantial wage increases to all drivers and inside employees.

About 250 union members are affected.

### HESS RE-ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION

Tellers of the Indiana State Federation of Labor met April 19 in the offices of the Federation for the purpose of canvassing the nomination returns for officers of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

The tellers reported that two persons received the necessary 25 nominations for president. They are Carl H. Mullen and Charles W. Kern.

There being no opposition, the Board of Tellers declared the following candidates duly nominated and elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year.

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### Rabanus Reports Local 543 Raises

Teamsters' Local 543, Lafayette, has obtained substantial wage increases and improved working conditions for members employed by construction companies, ice and coal dealers and ready mixed concrete companies, according to a report by Glen H. Rabanus, business representative to the Indiana State Drivers Council.

### BUILDING HAULERS RAISED IN CLINTON

CLINTON—Elmer Nolan, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 73, has signed a new agreement for all members employed by the building contractors here, giving the members 35 per cent increase in pay.

The agreement is retroactive to February 15.

### TEAMSTERS STOP FOR LIVING PAY

Teamsters' Union No. 135, which struck May 1 against 114 members of the Indiana Motor Truck Assn. has reached tentative agreements with 17 outside common carrier companies to transport freight in and out of Indianapolis.

Negotiations with the outside haulers started at the end of a six-hour meeting Saturday, in which the associated operators again refused to budge from their offer of \$1.15 per hour for the drivers and \$1.05 for warehousemen, dockmen and mechanics.

Union representatives, headed by Thomas E. Flynn, assistant to International President Tobin, pointed out that the membership of Local 135 had voted three-to-one in its mass meeting April 30 against accepting this offer, as incompatible with living costs, and with wages being received by other craftsmen in this vicinity and by Teamsters of this classification everywhere else in America.

Meanwhile the Union is continuing negotiation to obtain increases of 33 and 35 cents an hour, over the 90 cents and \$1.02 per hour received by the 1,400 members under a previous contract.

Union representatives and association members were to meet at 1 p. m., May 5, with State Labor Commissioner Charles W. Kern, volunteer conciliator.

A mass meeting of union members was called for 9:30 a. m. the following day. At this

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### Black Bros. Are Unfair

CLINTON—The Black Bros. Trucking Co. of Paris, Ill., is operating with non-union drivers and is listed as UNFAIR to Teamsters Local 73 by Elmer Nolan, Secretary-Treasurer.

He asks Teamsters locals throughout the middle west to refuse cooperation with these trucks and to refuse membership cards to any Black Co. drivers.

Black Bros. run a general trucking business, with customers in St. Louis, Chicago and elsewhere.

31.88  
28.51  
6.37



## D. E. MAHONEY On the Line With 369

Brother Otis Caldwell, an employe of the Portland Forge & Foundry Co., was injured seriously when an over-head crane, which he was operating, ran off the tracks. Brother Caldwell jumped down approximately 40 feet to avoid electrocution, and suffered a broken back. Brother Caldwell is in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.



Art Justice finally out-quilled Leo Mills to become chief dispatcher at the Tarbet Trucking Co.

Portland Forge & Foundry has granted an increase of 5 cents an hour before expiration of their agreement. We will negotiate for further wages in July.

A new agreement has been signed with the R. E. Dieckbrader Indiana Lines of Anderson, giving all drivers a 15-cent-an-hour increase.

City drivers at O. L. D. Forwarding Co., in Anderson, have received a 15-cent-an-hour increase and back pay from last November.

A new contract is being negotiated with the dairy companies in Marion.

A new contract is being presented to the Contractors' Association for dump trucks, ready-mix trucks and lumber yard drivers, in Marion. A nice increase is expected.

Brother William Long, at Harwood Trucking, has been ordered by his doctor to quit driving a truck. Suppose we'll be losing Bill as a member.

## Five New State Laws

Five new laws which were passed by the last session of the Indiana General Assembly to provide for greater safety on the highways have been digested by W. W. Cameron, executive secretary of the Indiana Traffic Safety Council.

These laws carry emergency clauses and became effective immediately upon being signed by Governor Ralph F. Gates.

As read at the April meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council by President Steven Toth and discussed by the members, the new laws are, briefly, as follows:

**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 30**—This Act provides that physicians shall report epileptic cases, when so diagnosed, to the State Board of Health, who in turn, must make a monthly report to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Heretofore, it has been almost impossible to determine who were epileptics. The proper administration of this Act will make it impossible for epileptics to obtain drivers' licenses.

**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 298**—This Act creates the Indiana Traffic Safety Commission, provides for the appointment of members thereof, defines its powers and provides an appropriation. The principal interest to Council members is that the Executive Committee of the Traffic Safety Council is named in the law as an Advisory Board to the Traffic Safety Commission. The Traffic Safety Commission is now a legally constituted agent of government to develop, co-ordinate and promote an official state-wide safety program on a full-time basis.

**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 317**—Under the provisions of this Act, there is created a Division of Safety Responsibility and Driver Improvement within the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Heretofore, the Safety Responsibility department has been a division of the State Police department. This is an entirely new Act and not an amendment to the former Act. Defects in the former Act have been corrected. By transferring the Safety Responsibility division to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles there has been combined in one strong and efficient department ALL functions and operations, pertaining to driver licensing and driver improvement including issuing, examining, hearings, re-examinations, suspensions and revocations. Additional drivers' license examiners and hearing judges may be hired when necessary.

**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 342**—This law amends the highway traffic code and brings it in closer conformance with the National Uniform code.

The highlights are:

1. Clarification of definitions.
2. Giving additional power to local authorities to allow them to exercise greater police power through various regulations of traffic.
3. Correcting traffic signal legend definitions.
4. Stricter regulations regarding the reporting of accidents, raising the property damage from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for all reportable accidents.
5. Requiring garage owners to report to the State Police automobiles which now show evidence of a bullet hole.
6. Stricter regulations covering minimum speed (a fixed maximum provision was eliminated by the House.)
7. Stricter regulations concerning the spacing of motor vehicles which comprise motorcades. Improvement of regulations regarding driving on divided highways and turning at intersections.
8. Granting a privilege to cities to pass ordinances regulating vehicle traffic and pedestrian travel. This is one of the outstanding sections of the law. Stricter parking regulations and the use of red flags on projecting roads. Amendment to law for the inspection of unsafe vehicles by police officers and a method of assuring compliance in case vehicles are declared to be unsafe. Under certain conditions allowing motor club members to use membership cards as bail in case of arrest.

**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 444**—This Act is an amendment to the present motor vehicle Act. It provides for a staggered issuance of drivers' licenses and through administration of this Act there can eventually be centralized issuance of licenses. This is a corrective measure and will eventually be a great aid to police in the apprehension of violators to the traffic law.

### Operators' License

Each operators' license now held or issued during this year will be valid until the last day of the month in 1948 in which the holder of such license was born. Thereafter, each license will be issued for a period of two years from the last day of the birth month. Operators' license obtained on and after March 17, will be 75 cents for the remaining period of this year and including the birth month of 1948.

## Courtesy Pledged To State Police

Union teamsters in Indiana are urged by the State Drivers Council to show every courtesy when stopped, particularly by members of the State Police.

President Toth of the Council pointed out at the last meeting that the State Police are checking all motor trucks at this time and should be given full cooperation by the drivers.

Newspaper reports, a few days after Mr. Toth made the statement said that the State Police had arrested 75 truckers in a week for operating overloaded vehicles on Indiana highways.

These reports quoted Major Robert A. O'Neal, State Police executive officer, as saying that the weight check is the first conducted by the department for many months.

Major O'Neal said that this check does not signal enforcement of the statutory limits on truck lengths. Trucks are limited to 36 feet in length by Indiana law and 40 feet is the limit for combination vehicles. However, the police still are permitting the wartime limit of 45 feet overall length to continue. He said "fair warning" will be given when return to the old limits is ordered.

The Indiana Motor Truck Association yesterday reported it has warned its members against overloading.

## Hess Elected Again to ISFL

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ing term beginning January 1, 1948:

Mary L. Garner, first vice-president.

Pat Hess, second vice-president.

Stanley J. Elliott, third vice-president.

Roy Creasey, fourth vice-president.

John E. O'Donnell, fifth vice-president.

John Soucie, sixth vice-president.

Hobert Autterson, seventh vice-president.

John Acker, secretary-treasurer.

John E. Smith, C. O. Van Horn and Mabel L. Lowe, tellers.

"Carl H. Mullen and Charles W. Kern receiving the required number of nominations, and having complied with the laws of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, are hereby declared nominated for the office of president. On further qualification of both candidates, the board orders an election to be held between the dates of June 1, 1947, and July 1, 1947."

Signing the report were Tellers John E. Smith, C. O. Van Horn and Mabel L. Lowe.

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## UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

All life moving to one measure, "daily bread."



We had a most welcome visitor the other day. Fred Pavey of Hostess Cake dropped in to see us. Fred is walking with crutches now and looks pretty good. We hope to see him back on the job soon.

Don't forget RED DOT FOODS is the only UNION Potato Chip distributor in the city. ALL others are UNFAIR.

Purity Foods sold their potato chip business to RED DOT Foods.

TO ALL STEWARDS: Please be sure to report all illness of union members. Some of you Stewards have slipped up on a few cases.

Here are a few more of our Stewards for you to get acquainted with:

Hostess Cake—Louis Floerke.  
Dolly Madison—Perry Beard.  
Perfection—Carl Schwomeyer.  
Sawyer—Ray Peters.  
Gleason—Herbert Holbert.  
Home Made—Ed Lewis.  
Kroger Dairy—Clancy Lawson.  
Kraft Foods—Ed Kiste.  
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Grennan Cake—Earnest McDowell.  
Ward Cake—Earle Connelly.  
National Biscuit—Charles Brown.  
Sunshine—Vernon Taylor.  
Buttercrust—S. Derbyshire.  
Capitol Dairies—Al Gough.  
Capitol Dairies—Bob Moore.  
Wilson's Milk—Walter Voss.  
Wilson's Milk—Lee Phillips.  
Wadley Co.—Vic Stickney.  
Red Dot Foods—Horace Hartman.

Wadley Co. members accepted an eight-cent-an-hour increase at their plant. We wish to thank the negotiating committee for a swell job.

### CHECK YOUR MILK MAN—IS HE UNION?

If you haven't noticed, Felix Maris of Tastee Bread, has a new set of choppers and is getting along fine, thank you.

Please don't buy Chesty Chips. They and Jackson Foods are unfair.

It sure has been a long time since I tasted a coke. I like PEPSI better anyhow and they are organized.

Notice to Town Marshall Louis Floerke of Lawrence, and union members who live out that way. Do you know that you don't have a Union milk man in that district? Let's do something about it.

Future 188 Members' Department: Boy for the Herbert Collins'. Herbert is with Continental Baking.

To Prevent Shock—Patient, (coming out from under ether): "Why are all the blinds drawn, doctor?" Doc: "Well, there's a fire across the alley and didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

Good for her Figure—The excited farm hand raced up to the owner of the farm. "Hiram," he cried, "The bull's got loose and he's chasin' your wife all over the pasture! Happened 'bout twenty minutes ago." "Why, you fool," bellowed Hiram, "Why did you wait this long before tellin' me?" "What's the matter?" asked the farm hand, "yer wife short-winded?"

How about some news from you out of the city members?

Remember, no regular craft meetings during June, July and August, so let's all get to our craft meetings in May.

Remember in Union there is strength; so stick together and fight together.

HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION!

## AFL Declares All-Out War Against Slave-Labor Bills

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as the Executive Council concluded its Spring session included:

1. The first conference between AFL and CIO Peace Committees in more than five years was arranged to be held May 1 at the Statler Hotel in the nation's capital in an attempt to form a united labor movement and solidify labor's ranks against the threat of destruction by legislation.

2. AFL President William Green, at a press conference, denounced exorbitantly high prices and charged that the same forces which are trying to rob the American people through inflated living costs are the ones who are trying to hamstring labor unions through restrictive legislation.

3. AFL Secretary-Treasurer

George Meany launched the AFL's radio campaign to defeat the Hartley and Taft bills with two network addresses warning labor's enemies that they are provoking industrial warfare. "We, of labor, know how to fight," Mr. Meany emphasized.

4. The Executive Council, in an official blast at the same legislation, declared that it is President Truman's duty to veto it.

Within 24 hours after the Executive Council announced its program for raising a war chest to fight the legislative attack against labor's freedoms, the checks from international unions started pouring in. The assessment, levied at the rate of 15 cents per member, is intended to cover an intensified six week's campaign, intended to "awaken the American people to the dangers contained in this legislation."



# RED CAB BOSS PARKS AGAINST FIRE PLUG

## Another Red Cab Driver Arrested On Felony Charge

Another non-union taxicab driver of Indianapolis to be arrested on a felony charge is Al Flynn, of North Delaware St., accused of slugging a man with an iron bar with intent to commit murder.

Pending trial he is back on the job driving a Red Cab around the streets of Indianapolis, picking up passengers, including unescorted women.

Red Cab officials apparently do not consider his alleged offense in the light of moral turpitude, for all he hit with his iron rod, if he did, was a union business agent.

In fact, one Mahoney, the company's night superintendent, appeared in court with Flynn and got him released on his own recognizance, without a cent of bail.

Nor has the company made any effort, so far as can be learned, to bring the Daniel to justice who threw a bag of oil from an upper floor of the company's headquarters in 13th St.

The bag was thrown April 24 at Cletus Cannon, a striking Red Cab driver, who was carrying a picket sign in front of the main entrance to the building. The bag hit Cannon's shoulder, injuring his back and ruining his suit.

Police officers standing near rushed into the building, but no one knew a thing about it, not even Clifford Beeker, former superintendent of Indianapolis police, who is now working for the company, as safety director.

As a matter of fact, the company, instead of punishing its non-striking drivers for acts of criminal assault has given all of the drivers a 5 per cent raise.

Flynn is to appear May 14 before Judge Alexander Clark in Municipal Court. His accuser is C. R. Kinnaman, business representative of Teamsters Local 188, who was passing out handbills on the Teamsters picket line at the 13th St. entrance when struck by the iron rod.

Kinnaman was struck on the mouth and elsewhere on his head and badly hurt.

The handbills announced a meeting to be held in the Athenaeum that night, April 16, by local 188 for taxicab drivers of three companies. The meeting was in connection with the strike called somewhat earlier by the Local against the Red Cab Co. for union recognition.

At that meeting, many of the Red Cab drivers who drove to the Athenaeum took one look about the street in front of the entrance and went on, without stopping.

Thomas R. Kackley, Red Cab Co. president, was parked directly in front of the door. Kackley was sitting there all too obviously taking down the names of drivers who showed any interest in joining the union.

Parked next to Kackley was Thomas Ford, vice-president of the company, and next in line sat Superintendent Raymond Coherd, while across the street sat Supervisor Charles Martin.

All were sitting there doing the same thing, spotting pros-



**PICKETING HACKMEN**—George Winkler, member of Teamsters Local 188, is shown carrying a picket sign at the 13th St. entrance of the Red Cab Co. barn in Indianapolis. To his left are Jerry Lucey (in overcoat) and "Tennessee" Johnson, union Red Cab drivers who have joined the strike to organize all taxicab drivers and mechanics in the city. Non-union drivers look on as the camera picks out C. R. Kinnaman (extreme left with overcoat and hat), union business representative, who was murderously assaulted on this spot recently by Al Flynn, a company employe. This photo of four union members in a crowd of non-strikers illustrates a spirit of tolerance on both sides and indicates that the assault on Kinnaman was totally unprovoked.

pective Teamsters, in violation of federal and state laws against intimidating anyone from engaging in union activities.

Fact that the Red Cab officials thumb their noses at the law—was indicated in the report that Coherd sat in his '36 Oldsmobile for four hours, from 7 to 11 p. m.—smack against a fire plug.

Martin, the Red Cab supervisor, was parked against a yellow sidewalk marker in Massachusetts avenue, with half of his car out into Michigan street, it was reported.

Inside, the meeting was attended by many Red Cab, Yellow and United Cab Co. drivers and maintenance workers.

C. E. Davis, union president; Swede Waechter and Kinnaman spoke to the men about joining Local 188.

Davis explained: "You fought for your country—now have nerve enough to stand up for yourselves and your families to demand decent wages and working conditions. You are entitled to this as much as any other American citizen."

Another speaker was William E. Freudenberger, international representative of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, which is making a drive to organize maintenance workers in the 10 cab companies of Indianapolis and its vicinity.

## Indianapolis City Freight Tied Up for Decent Wage

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meeting the Teamsters were to receive a report on negotiations and to consider the tentative agreements with outside companies, according to Lester M. Hunt, union spokesman.

Through a series of negotiations the two sides have reached agreements on working conditions, including hours, vacations, etc.

However, the operators, aided by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and other business interests, have attempted to prevail upon Gov-

## California, Here We Come! Say the Hoosier Delegates

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Schoessling, William Lee and David Sark.

His letter says, in part:

"There are only 150 Pullman cars available, and the month of August is a heavy travel period on the railroads, therefore if we do not make our reservations early—somebody will be left behind. The Indiana group will have their own car or cars depending on the number of reservations; you may bring guests with you. All reservations must be accompanied by a check

made payable to Convention Transportation Committee specifying the type of reservation desired."

Attached herewith is an expense list for your convenience.

### ALL EXPENSE COST

Includes rail transportation, Pullman accommodations as selected, diner car meals to and from San Francisco, sight seeing tours at Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Boulder Dam, Los Angeles and Red Lodge Highway, lunch and dinner at Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City; breakfast at Las Vegas, and lunch at Red Lodge.

	Pullman
2 persons in a lower berth (each)	\$232.37
1 person in an upper berth	250.37
1 person in a lower berth	262.07
2 persons in a compartment (each)	290.47
3 persons in a compartment (each)	262.87
2 persons in a drawing room (each)	313.42
3 persons in a drawing room (each)	278.17
4 persons in a drawing room (each)	260.53

A club car will be attached to each train to dispense free refreshments to the delegates and their guests. A juke box will be installed in this car for your entertainment.

Please make your reservations to Dave Sark, 216 South Ashland Boulevard, Chicago 7, Ill. Please make all your payments by check, payable to Convention Transportation Committee, and specify space desired.

**CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,**  
Ray Schoessling, Chairman  
William Lee  
David Sark.

Plans for the convention, says The International Teamster, are being pushed rapidly under the direc-

tion of the five joint councils on the Pacific Coast.

These are Joint Councils No. 7 of San Francisco, No. 28 of Seattle, No. 37 of Portland, No. 38 of the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys of California, and No. 42 of Los Angeles.

A committee of ten with two delegates from each of the joint councils is in charge of convention plans. Director D. W. Marshall of the Promotional League of Joint Council No. 28 is in San Francisco handling room reservations and other details for the committee.

All reservations for hotel rooms will be cleared through the office of the committee. No hotel will accept reservations from any other source.

At an early date complete information will be sent to all local unions from the committee headquarters. The sessions of the convention will be held in the San Francisco civic auditorium.

publicity given to this complaint, Emmet J. Williams, union secretary-treasurer, said:

"There is no need for any general unemployment as hysterically forecast by the Chamber of Commerce," Williams' statement said. "We have no controversy with the Chamber of Commerce. We suggest that it refrain from injecting itself into this wage dispute and permit us to speedily settle our argument with the truck operators." "Unless," Williams' statement concluded, "there is outside interference, this strike should be speedily and amicably adjudicated."

## State Council Urges 30,000 Aid Jergens

The Indiana State Drivers Council has placed the Andrew Jergens Co. on the UNFAIR list with 30,000 Teamsters.

This means that 30,000 union members, their families and friends in Indiana are urged to refrain from buying Woodbury's Soap, Jergens Lotion and other products of the Jergens Co. until the company reconsiders its stubborn anti-union stand against Teamsters Local 598 in Los Angeles, Cal.

The California Teamsters are reported to be putting up a game fight against particularly heavy odds. They are getting the support, however, of brother unionists throughout America, and it is believed that only a question of time remains before this support will become sufficiently strong to score a union victory.

### Women Can Help Most

Wives of the Teamsters especially are urged to cooperate in this nation-wide campaign and not buy anything made by Jergens. The California strike is being watched by anti-union corporations everywhere. Jergens is carrying the ball for employers in Indiana. Therefore if a soap maker in California can whip the Teamsters, what about a Teamster's job in Indiana?

Motion to commit the Indiana State Drivers Council to the national boycott was made at its regular monthly meeting, April 18, by Leo Bauer, president of Local 233, seconded by Charles Miller, vice president of the Council and head of Local 417, Vincennes.

After the motion had been unanimously adopted, President Steven Toth suggested that the members bring the subject to the floor of all Central Labor Unions in the State for similar action.

The movement against Jergens in Indiana was started last February by Bauer's Local and gained momentum when Joint Council 69, representing 11 locals of Central Indiana, voted Jergens UNFAIR.

A dispatch from Los Angeles quoting Western Warehouse & Produce Council Director George Mock says:

"Sales of Woodbury's Soap, Jergens' Lotion and other products will be taking nosedives if the number of unionists throughout the nation refusing to buy them continues to mount at the present rate.

With the number of AFL members who have pledged not to buy the unfair firm's products now above 1,000,000 and increasing daily by thousands, it is expected that the firm's management will reconsider its adamant anti-union stand.



## Coke Co. Strikers Reject Offer to Return Non-Union

In a desperate effort to end the Teamsters strike against the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Indianapolis, James S. Yunker, president, made a formal offer April 17 to re-employ 23 of the 27 striking members of Local 135, providing they give up their union affiliation.

The 23 men unanimously rejected the offer, and are still picketing the company's headquarters, 860 Massachusetts Avenue, and the consumption of Coca-Cola in Indiana is steadily dwindling, with an increase in the number of unionized factories, stores, etc., where the beverage is not sold.

Yunker, in a registered, special delivery letter to each of the men offered "immediate and full reinstatement to your former or substantially equivalent position, without prejudice to any seniority enjoyed and to make you whole for any actual loss of pay you have suffered."

### An Old Trick

Rejection of the offer was voted at a meeting April 20, where opinion was expressed that Yunker was seeking by subterfuge to escape appearing before the National Labor Relations Board on charges of unfair labor practices.

The suit brought by Emmet J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 135, through Attorney Robert D. Malarney, charges that Yunker fired 16 union members for engaging in union activity.

Conviction on such a charge carries a heavy penalty. Yunker, it was believed, hoped to void the charge by re-hiring the men on a non-union basis and thus disassociate his company entirely from the Teamsters Union. Then, the opinion went on, he could fire them one by one on some new pretext not covered by the statutes.

The letter of rejection signed by the 23 men indicates their suspicions of Yunker's good faith. It says:

"Responding to your offer of partial reinstatement, we, the undersigned, direct your attention to the total absence of any executed agreement with your signature affixed.

"In view of our past experience you can scarcely expect us to simply accept so insecure an offer; an offer made all the more insecure by your fostering and dominating the company union.

"Nor could you expect us to abandon those three whom you now reject, or accept your assurances of future fair treatment.

"We have no official notice that you have signed any agreement with the National Labor Relations Board, and we will believe it when we see it and then will be time enough for us to consider the security provided therein, if any, as well as any offers made pursuant thereto."

Latest step of the Teamsters Union, according to Mr. Malarney, has been the filing of an additional complaint against the Coca-Cola Co., charging it with dominating its company union, in violation of the Wagner Act. The charge was filed with the NLRB.

## UNFAIR!

**M. O'Connor & Co., 600 Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis, is still unfair to organized labor and should NOT be patronized until further notice.**

# SYMBOL OF LABOR'S GREATEST WEAKNESS

(The Painting That Sears Joe's Soul)



Here is the big illuminated advertisement for Coca-Cola at Delaware and North Sts., Indianapolis, which union painters of Local 1012, AFL, refused to finish several weeks ago when notified by Emmett J. Williams of the Teamsters strike against the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. The striking Teamsters of Local 135 were so grateful for the cooperation of brother AFL unionists they had this photograph made, intending to publish it in applause of Painters Local 1012.

But Joe Williams went to Chicago and upon returning found to his amazement that the painting had been completed. A member of Local 1012 had been ordered by the union's business agent to brush in the unfinished red circle and fill in the advertising matter on the bare white background.

The fact that a brother union in the Central Labor Union here in Indianapolis could do this to the Teamsters sears Joe Williams' soul. The finished picture will stand through its lifetime as a symbol of organized labor's greatest weakness—lack of cooperation, he says, explaining:

"Every cent of capital in America today is organized and concentrated to crush labor. Labor's enemies are mobilized as never before in Washington and all organized labor would have a big fight for its life even if solidly fraternalized for that fight. But what can you expect when here in Indianapolis we can't get even a painters' union to cooperate in one strike, against Coca-Cola? Teamsters of Indianapolis have helped the AFL painters in every work stoppage called since 1913. We didn't expect this."

## Send Construction Contracts To Tobin, Kern, B. T. Council

Business representatives of all Teamster locals in Indiana having construction contracts are advised by the Indiana State Drivers Council to send copies of these contracts, together with wage rates to each of the following offices:

Fred Tobin, Statistical Dept., Room 438, Bowen Bldg., Washington 5, D. C.

Charles W. Kern, Indiana State Commissioner of Labor, State House, Indianapolis.

Building Trades Council of area concerned.

Wage rates should be designated on a form such as reproduced below:

### JOB CLASSIFICATION AND RATES OF PAY

CLASSIFICATION	WAGE SCALE
TRUCK DRIVERS UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING 1½ tons, such as Station Wagons, Autos, Pickup Trucks, Motorcycles, Bicycles	
TRUCK DRIVERS 1½ tons and up but not including 3 tons, such as Dump Trucks, Flat Beds, Stake Bodies and Bus Drivers	
TRUCK DRIVERS 3 tons and up to but not including 5 tons	
TRUCK DRIVERS on 5 tons and over, including special equipment, such as Euclids Winch Trucks, Dempsey Dumpsters, Low Boys and other special earth moving equipment	
READY MIX CONCRETE TRUCKS:	
TRUCK DRIVERS up to, but not including 3 yds.	
TRUCK DRIVERS of 3 yards and over	
TRACTOR-TRAILER DRIVERS and similar equipment, such as Farmall Tractors, etc.	
TRUCK DRIVERS' HELPERS	
TRUCK AND AUTO MECHANICS	
TRUCK AND AUTO MECHANICS' HELPERS	
FILLING STATION ATTENDANTS	
GREASE AND WASH RACK MEN	
TIRE REPAIR MEN	
TRUCK AND TRANSPORTATION FOREMEN	
TRUCK DISPATCHERS	
SCALE MEN	
GRADE AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORS	
MATERIAL CHECKERS	
STOCK AND TOOLROOM ISSUE AND RECEIVING	
CLERKS	
GENERAL WAREHOUSEMEN	

Note: Tonnage is based on Manufacturer's Rating of Equipment.

## Ft. Wayne Concrete Workers Get Raise

FORT WAYNE—An increase of 58 cents per hour retroactive to last January 1 has been granted members of Teamsters Local No. 414 who are employed at the Old Fort & Erie Materials, Ready Mixed Concrete Co. The new agreement was negotiated by Pat Hess, business representative for the local, and his assistant, John Hamshire, for yardmen, drivers and helpers. Eighty-five persons will benefit.

## Katz Gets Raise For Construction Drivers of No. 691

RICHMOND—New construction contracts just signed for members of Teamsters Local 691 by James K. Katz gives drivers 20 cents an hour and mechanics 25 cents an hour increase.

The local has filed Smith-Connelly notices on Schenley Distilleries, at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

## Lee Lantz Reports Construction Raise

Construction contracts just signed in Kokomo and vicinity by Teamsters Local 759 give the members substantial wage increases.

Lee Lantz, union business representative, making this report to the State Drivers Council, said that the organization committee, headed by O. B. Chambers, has opened negotiations for new creamery and bread contracts.

### STEVEN TOTH

## News Aplenty at 520

At Local 520, April is the month of Politicians; we have quite a few of our members seeking Public Office this year.



Paul Mohler of Dolly Madison Cake, is running for Councilman-at-Large on the Republican ticket.

Chris Anton of Samock Bros. Trucking, is running for Councilman; Jos. J. Clark of Yellow Cab, is also seeking the same job in the same district on the Democratic ticket.

John Conroy of Prairie View Dairy, is a candidate for Councilman in his district, Democratic, 1st district.

Jos. Vozar of Washington Lumber, is running for Councilman-at-Large, Republican.

Jos. Zych, a great friend of Local 50, is running for Councilman, Democratic, 2nd district.

There are more but at present I cannot think of them.

The Beer Contract has been settled, with retroactive pay from March 1st—18-cents-per-hour increase.

The Bread Contract is just about settled, with \$5.00-per-week increase. The Cake Contract is also out of the way.

The Scrap Iron Contract is signed, with a general 15-cents-per-hour increase, plus other conditions.

We had our first meeting with the five Big Construction contractors.

Our furniture Contract is just about settled, with a \$7.00-per-week increase.

Oil, Ready Mix, Commodity Haulers and City Freight Contracts are coming up.

Whiskey Contract was settled temporarily for a \$5.00-per-week increase.